

Review from Sunday's Message for Personal Meditation:

i. Message points for meditation:

a. Message: *Psalm 10*

- i. ***Why, O Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?*** is an acknowledgement that God exists, and that He is Sovereign. He sees, knows, cares and could do something about our situation. He is the right source for our lament.

- ii. ***Why do the wicked prosper?***
They won't prosper forever. The Lord is King forever and ever. The nations will perish from His land. He sees trouble and grief to take it into hand. He hears the cry of the afflicted and defends them.

b. Meditations:

Warren Weirsbe's breakdown of *Psalm 10*:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. <u>The declarations of the wicked:</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">1. There is no God.2. I shall not be moved.3. God doesn't see me.4. God will not judge me. | <ol style="list-style-type: none">ii. <u>The Reality of God:</u><ol style="list-style-type: none">1. God sees what is going on2. God judges sin.3. God is King forever.4. God defends His people. |
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James May's one sentence summary of *Psalms 10*:

- ii. Psalms 10 is a song of the people of God who live in faith in the reign of God in the midst of the afflictions of history.

c. A personal response to the message of the Psalm:

- i. **Know** that God sees what is going on – and He will take it in hand.
- ii. **Feel** secure in His sovereignty – and take your rest in Him.
- iii. **Do:** Run to Him in your affliction – He is King for ever and ever!

d. God is worthy of our trust – even when we cannot discern His immediate direction.

Questions for Reflection, Application and Fellowship:

- i. Have you ever personally poured out your lament to God?
- ii. Have you ever had another Christian lament with you?
- iii. The two faith challenges of the passage are: (1) God's apparent silence during times of affliction, (2) the prosperity of the wicked (those responsible for causing affliction). The foundation for faith is trusting God for future grace (God sees, and He will act, and His reign will be righteous). How do you strengthen your faith in the fulfillment of God's promises in the midst of immediate affliction?